

**T**he Gulf of Mexico Foundation's Intracoastal Waterway Wetlands Expedition (IWWE) is a teacher training workshop for K-12 and college entry educators that takes place aboard a 100-foot vessel, the M/V Fling. The workshop educates participants on the importance of coastal habitats and issues facing the Gulf Coast and its communities. The summer expedition begins in Freeport, Texas and travels along the Intracoastal Waterway to Louisiana. Along the way, participants have the chance to explore diverse habitats, as well as learn about the natural and anthropogenic threats to our living coast. Teachers participate in a curriculum involving many hands-on activities, allowing for a better understanding of the local environment. They also have the unique opportunity to discuss coastal issues with naturalists and other authorities throughout the cruise. Educators of all levels will walk away from this experience with the skills and knowledge needed to educate their students about coastal ecology & economy and to share their personal experiences about living and working in the coastal zone.

The cost of the workshop is \$100 plus any transportation costs incurred to and from Freeport, TX. This workshop is approved as a Continuing Professional Education (CPE) provider and will award CPE hours upon completion of the workshop. **Applications are available at [www.gulfmex.org](http://www.gulfmex.org) and are due by April 22, 2013.**

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